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FY 2015 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING

The Town Council will kick off the FY 2015 budget process with a discussion of broad goals and priorities at its January 13 and 27 worksessions. Questions such as whether to fully fund an 8th police officer, upgrade Town Center events furniture, add bicycle stands at Town parks or help establish a joint school/community center computer facility are on the table. Come out to attend the meetings and give us your thoughts.

**UMD PRESIDENT LOH
AT 4 CITIES MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2014
Public Invited to Attend**



University of Maryland President Wallace Loh will attend the next Four Cities meeting on January 30, 7:00 P.M. at College Park City Hall. President Loh has focused on improving collaboration with neighboring cities and towns. Come out to learn more about Loh's vision of integrating the University more firmly in the surrounding communities and what has been accomplished to date.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON
New Years & MLK Day

Wed	01/01/14	NO PICKUP
Thu	01/02/14	Recycling & Trash Pickup, North Side
Fri	01/03/14	Recycling & Trash Pickup, South Side
Mon	01/20/14	NO PICKUP
Tue	01/21/14	Trash Pickup, Entire Town
Wed	01/22/14	Recycling & Yard Waste, Entire Town

Please Do **NOT** Leave Trash
at the Curb over Holiday



Winners of the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest will be announced at the Town Meeting on January 8, 2014, and prizes will be awarded for Best Decorated House, Best Yard, and Best Overall.

NEW SMOKE DETECTOR LAW:



Did you know that 75 % of fatal fires occur in homes without a smoke alarm or working smoke detector, according to the United States Fire Administration ?

A new Maryland law took effect July 1 that requires homeowners, builders and apartment managers to have ten-year, sealed smoke alarms installed by the year 2018. Some counties, including Prince George's, are asking builders and apartment complexes to be in compliance now.

The smoke alarms are sealed and have lithium-powered alarms and a hush function which will quiet the alarm without removing the battery. Retailers in Maryland can continue to sell standard smoke alarms until 2018, but consumers can expect to see a transition at stores as they start stocking shelves with the 10-year alarms.



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(202) 872-3432 TO REPORT

Downed Wires, Burning Wires,
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CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

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Report Street Light Out

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house number of nearest house)

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Registration to be on Priority List

Worksession

November 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Clerk Harper, and citizens.

1. Mayor

Announcements: The City of College Park and the City of Greenbelt will hold elections tomorrow. The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club U-12 soccer team made it to the playoffs.

Calendar: The Council reviewed the calendar. The PGCMA regular December meeting was canceled, because the legislative dinner was rescheduled to December 10.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Wilkinson, the October 21 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he followed up on the Greenbelt Road school zone that was removed by SHA in October following the issuance of new federal regulations regarding criteria for school zones. He spoke with Senator Pinsky about getting an exception from the regulations for the Greenbelt Road school zone. However, before reaching out to others, he received a call from SHA District 3 Engineer, Brian Young, who informed him that the school zone will be reinstated with expanded school hours, as requested by the Town. An unambiguous written confirmation is still outstanding. Mayor Calvo also requested a confirmation about SHA resurfacing the Kenilworth/Pontiac Street intersection up to Edmonston Road but has not yet received a reply either. Further, he noted that the department directors should be informed about the Council's decisions on Cost of Living Adjustments and merit increases so that they can communicate this to their employees.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she received a question from a resident on 62nd Avenue about the Town's permit requirements for home remodeling projects. Mayor Calvo and MPT Wilkinson said they also received the comment and will speak to it under *Citizens' Comments*. MPT Wilkinson reported that he took a series of pictures of the Greenbelt bus depot, which he forwarded to School Board Member Peggy Higgins. He hopes that she can help induce the PGCPs construction office to start the sidewalk

project MPT Wilkinson has pursued for over a year. Further, Public Works has completed the crack sealing of Town streets, and started the curbside leaf collection with the vacuum machine. CM Dennison reported that Trunk or Treat was very well attended and prizes distributed to the three best decorated trunks. She also thanked the police and Neighborhood Watch for patrolling on Halloween and announced upcoming events.

Mayor Calvo said that the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) has sent out surveys to all member municipalities on legislative priorities, which he will forward to the Council.

Citizen comments: MPT Wilkinson received many positive comments on the police and Neighborhood Watch presence during trick-or-treating. He also received a comment from a resident on 62nd Avenue who was under the misimpression that no Town permits are required for home remodeling. Mayor Calvo elaborated that this resident spoke with a Code official about his remodeling plans several weeks ago, and was given to understand that he did not need a town permit in addition to a County permit he had already obtained. When he received a notice that he needed to get a Town permit after starting construction, he took his case to the Council. However, since then he has worked out a payment plan with TA Murphy, who currently serves as acting code director.

The resident had made the good suggestion on how to better inform residents about the building permit requirements; which is that the Town should have a flier with permit rules and fees that can be handed out to people who are doing work on their property. Besides information on building permits, the flier should also summarize the regulations regarding dumpster and POD permits.

Infrastructure rating plan (discussed out of order): Mayor Calvo welcomed Acting Director of Public Works Adrian Lockley to give an overview of the condition of Town streets. He explained that the Town established an infrastructure reserve a few years ago, in which it sets aside Highway User Revenue it receives from the State of Maryland and receipts from a 3 cent road tax to fund street repair projects. The money is saved up over a number of years before a new road repair project can be undertaken. In order to decide which roads should be part of the next project, Public Works in the past has used a rating system that periodically rates the condition of each street in Town.

Mr. Lockley said that his report focuses on the top 5 priorities, i.e. those sections of road that need the most urgent repairs.

- Priority 1: 6300 block of Seminole Street. This is a new priority 1, as the section has many types of cracking, pot holes, failing utility patches and raveling. The entire block has been crack-sealed and pot holes filled with cold patches to prolong the life of the street as best as possible.
- Priority 2: 6200 block of Quebec Place, which used to be priority 1, has become number 2 since WSSC repaved a good part of the block after replacing water and sewer mains and Public Works performed extensive crack-sealing.
- Priority 3: 8400 - 8600 blocks of Cunningham Drive, which have extensive alligator cracking and some cracking around utility patches. The entire section has been crack sealed.
- Priority 4: 8400 - 8600 blocks of 58th Avenue, which have extensive linear and spider cracking. The area has been crack-sealed.
- Priority 5: 8300 block of 58th Avenue going north from the western end of Nevada Street and serving one residence. There is extensive alligator cracking at the intersection with Nevada Street believed to result from a weak sub-base and poor drainage. No maintenance was done here as a drainage swale should be built first. Mayor Calvo said that this block has no curbs and gutters, which contributes to the drainage problem. But this is not a critical road as it only serves one residence.

Other areas that need repairs include the intersection of Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road, which has deep ruts, cracks and raveling. SHA has been requested to resurface the area as part of the Kenilworth Avenue renovation going on now. Mr. Lockley has received confirmation that the SHA will resurface this intersection up to the white line on Pontiac Street west of the intersection. He believes that these repairs will be made when the concrete work is done. SHA also agreed to resurface the ac-

cess ramp to Edmonston Road at the 7 Eleven as part of the renovation of Greenbelt Road. The plans for the Route 193 renovation will be sent to the Town when they have been finalized. These access points will be turned over to the Town after the repairs.

Residents have noted that Edmonston at Berwyn Road also has a serious asphalt rippling problem where the buses stop. To properly repair these bus stop areas concrete pads should be installed to prevent future rippling. The cost of such repairs was included in the estimate of resurfacing the entire Town the Council was given several years ago.

In addition, Public Works has done work in some isolated areas where problems were found. This includes the intersection of Goucher Drive and Marietta Lane, which has extensive spider cracking around an old temporary utility patch and curb cut. Crack sealing was also done on the remainder of this block of Goucher Drive, all along Pontiac Street, as well as on Natasha Drive and Paxton Court. There is erosion and spider cracking at one of the Paxton Court properties has a drain pipe that empties out into grass before the curb. On Natasha the seam in the middle of the road is separating with one side sinking. A contractor will look at this area to evaluate it.

On the 8600 block of 63rd Avenue, there is rippling of the asphalt due to the sub-base having been washed out from a water main break on Pontiac Street 2 years ago. Another drainage problem is on 55th Avenue at the entrance to Lake Artemesia Park. After a heavy rain, a large puddle forms at a low point in the street. The road may have to be regraded to make the water drain to the west side to empty into an existing under drain, or a new drainage system installed on the other side of the street. Mr. Lockley said that, with the exception of the 6300 block of Seminole Street and the 6200 block of Quebec Place, the blocks discussed tonight can be patched and their life prolonged for another 5 to 7 years.

Mayor Calvo thanked Mr. Lockley for this useful overview. He thought it would be helpful to have an annual street rating system for the entire Town layered onto an electronic map. Such a map currently exists only in hard copy and shows the condition of streets marked in different colors. Ultimately, he would like to know how much money must be set aside each year to implement a rotation of road repairs that keeps all streets in good condition at all times. This will require a road repair estimate for the entire Town. He might consider issuing bonds for a

large-scale project if this would generate enough savings in the unit price. In retrospect, he believes that former CM Gouley may have been right in his estimate that it would take 6 cents added to the real property tax rate to finance a 25 year repair rotation for the Town. Like College Park and Greenbelt, he would like to establish a comprehensive plan for renovating the streets in Berwyn Heights.

WMATA Balley Avenue project: TA Murphy explained that he has been notified by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) of plans for an addition to a building they own on Balley Avenue. The building will become the control room for the test track WMATA will open next year between Greenbelt and College Park stations. It will provide accommodations for the operator of the equipment testing new Metro cars. The addition will require new water and sewer lines, which will run from the building to the Pepco substation on Branchville Road. While the street opening will only affect the southbound lane, some traffic disruption is likely to result. The engineering contractor has offered to give a presentation to the Council if desired.

Mayor Calvo said that the contractors should be asked to perform the work according to County and Town standards, even though they are not subject to permit requirements. MPT Wilkinson and CM Kulpa-Eddy expressed concern that the heavy trucks from the industrial properties will cut through the Town. TA Murphy was instructed to inform Chief Antolik of the project and have them monitor truck traffic to ensure that they won't cut through Town. No presentation was requested.

At 8:20 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

Ordinance 118 - Roads & Public Rights-of-Way: Mayor Calvo said that tonight the Council plans to finalize the revision of Ordinance 118 for adoption at the November 13 Town meeting. It should show the changes that were made to the original Ordinance by underlining new language and striking through deleted sections. The Council then reviewed the current draft section by section.

Section 1 - Purpose & Authority. Sections 401 (General Powers of the Town Council, 402 (Specific Powers) and 403 (Enforcement) of the Berwyn Heights Charter should be referenced as the basis for regulating the public rights of way in both the adopting resolution and the Ordinance;

Section 3 J - Definition of 'Vegetation' the words 'plants, grass and greenery' was used instead of 'vegetation'.

Section 4 H - Standards. A specific reference to Pepco as an electric utility was deleted.

Section 5 B - Permits The clarification 'other than routine yard maintenance of adjoining properties' was added to the provision that all vegetation management in the Town right-of-way requires a permit.

Section 11 B - Inspections Required. The word 'will' was replaced with 'shall' to read ...'permittee shall be responsible..., and 'Town shall withhold final approval of work'...

Section 13 B - Authority of the Town Administrator, Code and Police Departments. The word 'standards' returned to lower case as it is not a defined term in the Ordinance.

Section 16 B, F - Violations. The word 'party' was changed back to 'person' which is defined as encompassing both people and corporations. Similarly, the addage 'or his designee' was removed from the phrase 'the Town Administrator or his designee' because Town Administrator is defined as including his designee.

It was further noted that in the resolution adopting the revised Ordinance the adoption date needs to be changed. CM Kulpa-Eddy offered to help with finalizing the Ordinance.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Parks and Recreation.**

3. Public Safety

Police car replacement: Mayor Calvo said that the Town's liability insurance carrier LGIT has declared the police vehicle involved in a September 2013 accident a total loss. LGIT will cover the replacement of the vehicle because the accident was not the fault of the Berwyn Heights police officer. However, there are some gaps in the coverage. The Council is requested to authorize the purchase of the new vehicle. The expenditure requires a budget amendment as it is not in this year's budget.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if the Town could add uninsured motorist coverage to its insurance so as not to have gaps in coverage in the future. TA Murphy said that he will look into whether it is available and how much it would cost. CM Almo-guera asked if the Town's insurance rates will go up as a result of the accident. TA Murphy did not think so, as the accident was not the Town officer's fault. MPT Wilkinson moved to authorize the purchase of the new vehicle. CM Denni-

son seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

4. Public Works

Yard waste bag transition: MPT Wilkinson said that the Town can no longer use plastic yard waste bags to dispose of yard waste. Prince George's County decided that it will no longer accept the bags starting January 1, 2014. Therefore the Council needs to make a change to its Ordinance 117 - Refuse Collection, striking the references to plastic yard waste bags as an acceptable way to dispose of yard waste in Section 4 L and S. The amended language should read: "Leaves put out as yard waste must be bagged in commercially-available, brown paper yard waste bags, or placed in heavy-duty garbage/refuse containers clearly identifiable as yard waste."

MPT Wilkinson asked whether the Town should provide free paper yard waste bags to ease the transition. Mayor Calvo thought the Town should do so using the money appropriated in the budget for the plastic bags. Further, the Town needs to make sure residents know of the change. TA Murphy said that he intended to send out a postcard-type mailer to all Town residents in mid-December informing them of the new rules. The amendments to the Ordinance will be introduced at the November Town meeting.

5. Administration

Legislative dinner agenda: Mayor Calvo said that he would like to make sure that the Council thanks its legislators for their assistance in obtaining grants for emergency generators, Safe Routes to School improvements, and the new Pop's Park playground. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town should provide updates on where these projects stand and perhaps show before and after pictures of the new Pop's Park playground equipment. Other topics placed on the agenda include: speed cameras and Berwyn Heights' pedestrian safety program; school zones criteria; revised Ordinance 118 - Roads & Right-of-Ways; storm water management regulations and proposed changes to the County's tax differential system. Mayor Calvo said he believes the plan is to switch to a rebate system, which would amount to a large tax increase on the Town's residents.

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the December Bulletin cover: Christmas holiday theme; headlines for the Tree Lighting and Amending Ordinance 117; jumps for holiday trash schedule, curbside leaf pickup ending.

Meeting room naming, user policy: TA Murphy said that a suggestion was made

to name the new meeting room after Geraldine Love, who ran a small Town library from this location for many years. Mayor Calvo said this is probably the most appropriate way to remember the late Mrs. Love. He recently spoke with Tom Love, son of Geraldine Love and former Mayor of Berwyn Heights, who said that he likes the idea. He also appreciated the planting of a tree at the Town office in her memory. In addition to naming a place or building after a resident, it would be appropriate to capture the legacy and write a brief history about the person so honored. The Historical Committee might be willing to help with that.

TA Murphy said that the Council may also adopt some rules for using the space. He suggested banning drinks and food in the room, which would extend the life of the new carpet. The Council did not want to impose such a ban, as the room is intended for public use. However, there should not be a food buffet.

CM Dennison moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded naming the meeting room after Geraldine H. Love. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Personnel manual: Mayor Calvo said the Council agreed that the Town's personnel manual needed to be overhauled when discussing personnel changes. CM Almoguera had offered to take the lead. She said she contacted the College Park Human Resources Department and obtained a copy of their personnel manual. However, as the City of College Park has many more employees and has a different organizational structure, the manual is not a good a template for Berwyn Heights. She wonders whether it may be better to start from scratch.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks the Council should start from scratch. This does not mean that the old manual should be discarded. It provides a good starting point for personnel policies but needs to be elaborated. There are many areas that are not covered in the current manual, such as ADA compliance, appropriate workplace behavior and other issues. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if there are other Towns whose manuals may be a suitable model. TA Murphy said he has not seen any that would work as a good model. But there are some good ideas that the Town can adopt.

CM Almoguera said she has obtained several samples from MML geared toward Berwyn Heights. She would use these to work on a draft manual for review of the Council to start the process. MPT Wilkinson suggested that it may be better to start out with a table of contents which has topics that should be added.

Mayor Calvo said that getting started is important but he does not expect a comprehensive update of the manual to be completed before the next budget season.

6. Code Compliance

Code director/supervisor position description: TA Murphy explained that he made several changes to the position description of the code supervisor since the last worksession. Apart from the introductory summary, the listing of essential functions has been put into alphabetical order for ease of use. Sections on supervisory responsibilities and responding to off-duty emergency calls have been added, while sections on the skills set, licenses and certifications have been refined. The section on working conditions has been revised to state that a code supervisor will spend considerable time in the field and will be exposed to all types of weather.

Mayor Calvo said that this description has a lot of good information but sometimes reads like a laundry list. There is so much detail it runs the risk of losing sight of the big picture. He would prefer a job description that can serve as a hiring blue print, which focuses on the mission of the Code Department. It should say something about the character of the Town and about the type of person sought to join the team. The code enforcement job in Berwyn Heights is different than in Greenbelt because it is much smaller and consists mostly of single family homes. The Code Department therefore is probably more compliance oriented, and requires a supervisor/director who is a problem solver and has good people skills.

CM Kulpa-Eddy thought that a code officer needs to combine both the enforcement and the compliance element. She agreed, however, that a good job description should describe the Town to attract the right person. It would help if the Town had a marketing plan that defines what kind of place Berwyn Heights is.

Mayor Calvo said that he would like to take the time to put together a hiring blueprint so that the Town can find a code director who is a good match for the Town. Normally, a search firm handles that. But the Code Department may not justify that route. In the short term, however, the Code Department needs to be staffed adequately to carry out its functions.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Department can probably function with the current setup until spring, but a full time supervisor should be in place when the

construction season starts. She also suggested that the search firm the Town plans to hire for the administrator search might be asked to write a job description/ hiring blueprint for a code director. Mayor Calvo said that seems like a good idea, and an inexpensive way to recruit two directors. TA Murphy was asked to look for a search firm that can write a hiring blueprint and do two searches.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting November 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, President of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the October 10 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lape gave the Treasurer's report for the month of October.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo noted that the City of College Park and Greenbelt held elections last week. In Greenbelt Emmett Jordan, the previous Mayor Pro Tem, received the most votes. Although in Greenbelt the top vote getter does not automatically become mayor, he will likely be confirmed at the next Council meeting as the city's first black mayor, replacing long-serving Mayor J. Davis. In College Park, one notable change was the retirement of Councilmember Bob Catlin representing the Berwyn neighborhood. He was one of the most knowledgeable old-time Councilmembers, who could be relied upon for information about city government and College Park politics and will be missed.

Mayor Calvo continued that the Town held a number of fun events this fall, including Trunk or Treat and the Town-wide cleanup. Attendance at these relatively new events increased greatly this year. The cleanup focused on Indian Creek and the trash collected tripled to 69 bags.

In other news, the Council discussed senior staff changes at recent work sessions. It was decided not to rush to fill the Code director position. Instead, the Council wants to take time to find the right person and to develop a marketing plan for the Town that paints a picture of what kind of place Berwyn Heights is. In conjunction with the impending staff changes, the Council also discussed whether it is time to discard the remnants of a commissioner-style government enshrined in *Council Rule 10 - Departments* and other Council Rules. A more unified form of government, in which department directors report to the Town Administrator rather than a Councilmember, may better serve the Town's future needs. The Town Council also implemented a merit increase and 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) during the last month. The COLA was given to all employees, whereas the merit increases were awarded to about half of the employees. The Council in recent years has established a merit pay system that is closely tied to performance and is consistent over time and across departments.

Mayor Calvo reported that the Council also had to deal with an unexpected notice from SHA to remove the Greenbelt Middle School school zone on Greenbelt Road. The action to cancel the school zone was taken by a mid-level SHA employee after the warning flasher had stopped working. After speaking with District Engineer Brian Young and Delegate Tawanna Gaines, the decision was reversed. But it is an uncomfortable thought that a school zone the Town's children rely on for safe crossing of a busy road can be canceled without warning.

At the last Four Cities meeting in Greenbelt, two interesting presentations were given. Adam Ortiz, the Director of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), first spoke about animal control in Prince George's County. He said that a new shelter was built near Upper Marlboro because the old shelter was mismanaged and in bad shape. Unfortunately, the new shelter is far away from the districts most likely to adopt animals, i.e. the Route 1 corridor, Laurel and Bowie. Mr. Ortiz expressed interest in partnering with cities in this area to open a second shelter closer to prospective adopters. The second presentation dealt with the new storm water management regulations the County was mandated to implement by the State. A new \$42 per year tax was imposed to build new infrastructure to manage storm water runoff. Mr. Ortiz, a former Mayor of Edmonston, plans to work with municipalities to carry

out this mandate. He sees an opportunity here to make investments in older communities to make them more attractive by adding green spaces that also serve to filter storm water.

Lastly, Mayor Calvo noted that the Council will meet with its legislators for the annual legislative dinner. He expects the focus to be on Governor O'Malley's last year in office and on finding a permanent fix for Highway User Revenues. Other topics likely to be discussed are speed cameras and school zones, and, as always, this is an opportunity to keep legislators abreast of what is happening in Berwyn Heights.

4. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera reported that the audit is still in progress. The meeting room in the old Town library will be named after Geraldine Love, who was the Town librarian for many years. The BHHC might be approached to see if they would write a brief history that explains who Mrs. Love was. CM Almoguera also thanked the organizers of the Town cleanup for staging this event. She participated with her two small sons, who were eager to pick up trash and learned a lot about how storm water gets to Indian Creek. She also announced that the Playgroup is meeting per winter schedule indoors on Mondays and outdoors on Wednesdays and Thursdays if the weather is good. Otherwise the meetings will be inside as well.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy called attention to the problem of hoarding, a behavior marked by the urge to collect an excessive amount of things or animals. It can lead to impairment of basic living conditions, and create a number of health and safety hazards. She said that the fire department last week responded to a fatal house fire in College Park. The fire fighters had trouble putting the fire out quickly because the home was packed with flammable materials.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents that it is the mission of the Code Department to ensure the health, safety and well-being of Berwyn Heights residents. If anyone notices signs of hoarding in the neighborhood they should call the Town Administrator and Acting Code Director Ed Murphy. A Code officer can be sent to assess the situation. If a friend or family member exhibits hoarding behavior they may call 2-1-1 for help in locating health and human service resources in this area.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reported that Berwyn Heights Elementary School enrollment stands at 445. Last week, the students had their annual walk-a-thon

fundraiser, which did not raise as much money as in past years. The PTA will be happy to accept mailed-in donations to fund their full enrichment program. She also reported that Trunk or Treat went very well, and thanked the Police and Volunteer Fire Department for participating. Prizes were awarded to the three best decorated cars. First prize went to the Higgins family, second prize to the Wolfinger family and third prize to the Stephens family.

CM Dennison also noted that the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee had a successful Veterans Day event last Sunday, at which historian Patrick O'Neill gave a presentation on the War of 1812, and Veteran Marine Thomas Mutchler was honored for his service in World War II. The next event is the Treelighting on December 7, which will be celebrated with caroling, crafts and a visit from Santa. Donations to the Toys for Tots program will be gratefully accepted at the event. Lastly, CM Dennison asked that anyone who still has the book "The Curious Garden" to return it to the Town office, so that residents with beautiful gardens can be acknowledged.

Public Health and Safety: Chief of Police Antolik gave the police activities report for October. There were 5 Part I offenses; lower than the 5 year average of 7.4. The year-to-date total was 48 Part I offenses, also below the 5 year average of 74.4. In addition, the officers issued 210 citations, including 71 Town citations, and 410 speed camera citations, with 262 issued on Greenbelt Road, 90 in the 5900 block of Pontiac Street and 56 in the 6200 block of Pontiac Street. Chief Antolik concluded with safety tips for the Thanksgiving holidays. If traveling, residents should remember to put ladders away, have papers and mail stopped, put lights on a timer and request the police to watch their home. Those active on the social networks should not post travel plans on Facebook or Twitter.

James Hurley, President of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD), was present to give a report. He said that the last month has been very busy with 6 extrications, 4 working fires, as well as numerous medical alerts and fire alarms. A BHVFD special unit was first on the scene at the Palco house fire in Branchville, which CM Kulpa-Eddy mentioned earlier. Despite their best efforts, it was not possible to get into the house in time to save one of the occupants because it was so cluttered with flammable materials. With colder weather arriving, the fire department usually sees a big increase in

house fires and carbon monoxide poisonings due to improper operation of heating appliances. He cautioned everyone to be careful with heaters and to have their furnaces checked.

Mr. Hurley said the BHVFD also took part in Trunk or Treat, handed out candy to trick-or-treaters at the fire house, had an ambulance on standby during the school's walk-a-thon, and hosted the Prince George's County Fire & Rescue Association at the Branchville Fire Department. In addition, the Fire Department applied for grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help recruit and retain volunteer fire fighters, and a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to replenish their tools for fighting wild fires. The BHVFD annual fund drive is in progress, and starting after Thanksgiving, Christmas trees will go on sale at the fire house.

Mr. Hurley continued that a committee has been set up to explore the replacement of its ambulances, both of which are getting old and have traveled 160,000 and 240,000 miles, respectively. The price of new ambulances runs between \$160,000 - \$200,000. Under the new billing structure, the County would contribute 25% toward the cost of a new ambulance, when a fire house owns the apparatus. With budget season approaching, he would appreciate the opportunity to talk with the Council about how to maintain the high level of service BHVFD provides in the future. The fire department has seen its cost increase but revenue from donations decline. Grants can no longer cover the difference.

Mayor Calvo said that he welcomes a conversation not only about financial support, but also about a long-term vision for the fire department and its role in the community. He asked whether the BHVFD has found out why some residents, including himself, have not received donation letters. Mr. Hurley said that the company that sent the letters took the liberty to send them only to those blocks where residents have previously donated. As a result, large sections of Town did not get the mailers. This has now been corrected. He added that over the years there has also been a decline in volunteers from the community. Most of the dozen volunteers that live at the fire house come from other jurisdictions all over the East Coast to seek training and fire fighting experience in a busy city environment.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported that he had the pleasure to help honor a World War II veteran, Thomas Mutchler,

at this year's Veterans Day event the Historical Committee hosted. Mr. Mutchler was one of only three Marines in his unit that survived the November 1943 *Battle of Tarawa* in the Pacific. He also enjoyed the presentation by historian Patrick O'Neill on the little-known *Battle of the Potomac* during the War of 1812. He learned that the British squadron that sailed up the Potomac to support the attack on the capital picked up a large number of slaves signaling to them from the river banks. The contingent included a number of families, which eventually settled in the Province of Nova Scotia, where their descendents still live.

MPT Wilkinson said that his family had fun going trick-or-treating and encouraged all residents to participate. He was disappointed to still see cars speeding on Halloween night when the streets are full of kids. Further, he had an email exchange with school board member Peggy Higgins about the construction of a sidewalk through the Greenbelt bus depot used by students attending Greenbelt Middle School. He has pursued this project with different school officials for over a year but so far to no avail. Next, he plans to take it up with the new PGCPs CEO Maxwell.

In Public Works news, the crew was able to get all the crack sealing done during a stretch of good weather in October. Loose leaf pickup is now in full swing, and residents are requested to rake leaves to the curb but not onto sidewalks or into the street. Public Works has also put the finishing touches on the new meeting room, upon recommendation by the Green Team installed recycling bins in the commercial district, and erected school zone signs in the 8600 and 8900 blocks of 63rd Avenue recently designated as school zones.

Public Works crewman Troy Thomas was named employee of the month for filling in on the trash truck for a colleague who was absent for a week, and Troy Simmons reported a burglary in progress to the police and helped identify the perpetrator. A Public Works trash truck was involved in an accident, when a resident backed into it while pulling out of a driveway despite the truck beeping its horn. Fortunately no one was hurt, but the car suffered extensive damage. Lastly, the Town was informed that the University of Maryland golf course development has been shelved for now. The Council had sent a letter to oppose the plan.

5. Committee Reports

Green Team: Mayor Calvo reported that the Green Team's community garden

planning committee will attend the next worksession to report on the progress made towards setting up a community garden. They have selected the Tecumseh Street right of way between 58th and 59th Avenue as the best suited site in Town, and have met with a number of experts to evaluate it.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the NW/EP helped the police patrol on Halloween night, which had a big turnout despite the rain. The NW/EP had a bit of trouble with radio communications and will be looking into options to replace them. The next meeting will be held on December 4.

6. Unfinished Business

Ordinance 118 - Roads and Public Right-of-Ways, 2nd Reading and Adoption: Clerk Harper read Resolution 9-2013 adopting the revised Ordinance. CM Dennison moved to adopt it. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that the revision of Ordinance 118 was triggered by Pepco's excessive tree trimming along Edmonston Road over a year ago. The desire to have more control over this activity led to a review of the Town's authority to regulate the Town's roads and right-of-ways. The old Ordinance was all but one page long and no longer adequate. The Council then undertook a 6 month process to rewrite the Ordinance, setting standards for working in roads and right-of-ways, establishing a permit requirement and implementing a system of penalties for violating the Ordinance. He thanked TA Murphy for tackling this issue and CM Kulpa-Eddy for shepherding the revision process.

At 8:19 p.m., CM Almoguera excused herself and left the meeting because she and her baby did not feel well.

At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the public hearing on the revised Ordinance 118. With no comments, he closed the hearing at 8:21 p.m.

MPT Wilkinson thanked TA Murphy and CM Kulpa-Eddy for the hard work they did reviewing and rewriting the document. CM Kulpa-Eddy said she is glad she could quell the skepticism that the initially 20 page long Ordinance could be reduced to 10 pages. Thanks to the co-operation from all Councilmembers and their policy direction, the finished version is a very good product. The Ordinance was approved in a 4 to 0 vote.

7. New Business

Ordinance No. 117 - Refuse Collection, 1st Reading and Introduction of Amendments: Clerk Harper read Reso-

lution 10-2013 amending Ordinance 117. Mayor Calvo explained that the County recently changed the rules disallowing the use of plastic yard waste bags at its yard waste disposal facility come January 1, 2014. The change will require education and outreach so that residents know about it and no longer discard yard waste in plastic bags. The Council moved quickly to amend Ordinance 117, which regulates the collection all types of refuse and until now explicitly allowed the use of plastic bags, to conform with County rules.

MPT Wilkinson moved to introduce the amended Ordinance. CM Dennison seconded. MPT Wilkinson reiterated that this change was initiated by the County and the Town merely followed suit. CM Dennison said that she supports the change, as plastic bags do not decompose very quickly. Mayor Calvo said that there are good reasons for the change, including that the plastic bags compromise the quality of the mulch derived from yard waste. With no further comments, the Council voted 4 to 0 to introduce the amended Ordinance.

8. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession November 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Clerk Harper, C. P. Johnson representatives Gary Dyson and Robyn Barnhart; and the Green Team Community Garden volunteers Trinity Tomsic, Tim Lewis, Barbara Ceptus Schreiber, and Jeff and Laura Knutson.

1. Mayor

Calendar: The Council reviewed the calendar. The date of the next Four Cities meeting in College Park was changed to January 30, 2014.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the November 4 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he and MPT Wilkinson attended the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) meeting featuring the recently appointed CEO of

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Kevin Maxwell. Dr. Maxwell was appointed to the position in June. At one time, he served as the chair of the Berwyn Presbyterian Church Board of Trustees and knows this area well. Dr. Maxwell said that he is still taking stock of Prince George's public schools and does not have answers yet to many of the outstanding problems. He acknowledged that the Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) process is broken and needs to be streamlined out before funds are requested in Annapolis. At the same meeting, the PGCMA adopted its legislative priorities, which are to engage in the process to make changes to the Prince George's County tax differential system and to support MML in seeking to restore Highway User Revenues.

MPT Wilkinson reported that he had the opportunity to talk with Dr. Maxwell about building a sidewalk through the Greenbelt bus depot driveway, which Berwyn Heights students must cross to reach Greenbelt Middle School. Dr. Maxwell was familiar with the intersection and the bus depot and promised to look into it. Since then, MPT Wilkinson received an email saying that the CIP office has been instructed to move forward with the project and that he should hear from them after Thanksgiving. In Berwyn Heights loose leaf collection season is in full swing. Public Works requests that residents refrain from parking close to leaf piles to allow the leaf vacuum machine easy access to the piles.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended a public hearing on Prince George's County 2035, the County's master plan for future development. The plan included two items that affect Berwyn Heights:

- 1) The Town is in a designated primary employment area, which qualifies for targeted marketing and investment to spur employment. This includes investment in broadband internet, bike lanes and sidewalks. However, a request should be made to include Berwyn Heights by name so that it receives future notices of hearings.
- 2) Downtown Prince George's priority areas in the North County are Prince George's Plaza, New Carrollton and Largo Town Center.

CM Dennison reported that all recent community events were very well attended. The next event will be the Tree Lighting on December 7, 6 pm.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received a complaint from a 58th Avenue resident about the distribution of hateful literature in Town. When following up

with the Chief, he learned that the police had already talked to the individual and ushered him out of Town. He also received comments about a Park & Planning helicopter circling over Berwyn Heights late at night; about a burglary in progress that was stopped by the owners returning home. The owners were able to describe the suspect, who is known to Berwyn Heights police. Another comment was about a dumpster that had remained too long at a property.

CM Kulpa-Eddy received a comment about a dumpster overflowing with trash, which is used by the new Domino's Pizza next to Staples. CM Almoguera received a couple of comments on the loose leaf collection process and a suggestion to institute a leaf collection schedule so that residents know when to expect the leaf vacuum. MPT Wilkinson said that a set timetable is not practical for a town as small as Berwyn Heights. However, it takes only about 7 - 10 business days for the leaf vacuum machine to make its round.

Green Team community garden presentation: Mayor Calvo welcomed the members of the community garden planning committee of the Green Team. Green Team coordinator Trinity Tomsic gave an overview of the community garden project and what has been accomplished to date. The garden committee has 7 members, two of whom, Tim Lewis and Barbara Schreiber, will speak later tonight. Ms. Tomsic said that the community garden is on track to open in April 2014, thanks to the hard work of the committee, and the support of TA Murphy and Public Works Acting Director Lockley. The focus to date has been to identify a site that meets the requirements of adequate sunlight, water and space. After a series of site visits, the committee settled on the Tecumseh Street right-of-way between 58th and 59th Avenue. Committee members also met with community garden managers in other cities and towns to gather information on garden design, resource needs, rules and regulations, and best practices.

Ms. Tomsic stressed the committee knows that a community garden is a big undertaking, which requires careful planning to be successful. Therefore, experts were consulted to evaluate infrastructure and storm water runoff challenges with the sloped site, as well as to advise on best layout, and to test soil quality. Lastly, the committee has started to reach out to the community to inform them of the community garden plans. So far, the feedback has been positive.

Tim Lewis discussed the cost estimates for the garden's capital needs. The over-

all cost is \$12,430, which breaks down as follows:

- \$4,250 for an 8' high vinyl-coated chain link fence with posts and 2 gates. A tall fence is needed to keep out the deer;
- \$3,000 for the installation of the fence. If Public Works can install it, the expense would go away;
- \$1,750 for pressure treated lumber to construct 25 raised beds at a unit cost of \$70 per bed. This could be done by the volunteers themselves;
- \$800 for a 1,200 gallon cistern to store water, which could be periodically filled by the fire department;
- \$680 for a 10'x10' wooden storage shed for garden tools and equipment;
- \$540 for a wooden picnic table with steel frame;
- \$300 for signs and bulletin board explaining the garden, and posting the regulations;
- \$600 for compost plus \$225 for delivery. The compost is needed now for tilling in spring.
- \$125 for hoses and watering cans;

Barbara Schreiber reported on the next steps to open the community garden in April 2014. Thanks to Public Works, the site has been cleared from brush and is ready for compost to be added, which will be tilled into the soil in spring. During the winter, the team will be doing more outreach and work on the rules and regulations for the garden. At this point, 35 residents have expressed interest in participating. The committee is also pursuing a \$5,000 grant and donations from businesses and the community to fund some of the tools and materials needed. Any funds raised would mean a reduction in money spent by the Town. Installation of the fence and construction of the first raised beds is planned for February and March 2014. The Boy Scouts have agreed to help with construction of the beds and compost bin as an Eagle Scout project. Plot rental will begin as soon as the garden is open, which will generate some revenue that can be invested in additional equipment.

In the question and answer period, MPT Wilkinson sought clarification about the

site plan and asked whether there is a storm drain structure on, or under the proposed site. TA Murphy said that the site was checked by Miss Utility and no pipes or other utility structures were found, excepting a culvert at the 59th Avenue end of the site. MPT Wilkinson cautioned that Miss Utility occasionally has been wrong about their findings. He also asked if there will be a foot path along the north side of the proposed beds, and whether the cistern will be enclosed to prevent mosquito breeding. Mr. Lewis said there will be room for paths on both sides of the beds, and the cistern will be fully enclosed and opaque to prevent mosquitoes and algae growth.

CM Dennison said that no pesticides or other chemicals should be used in the garden. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that her main question has already been answered, which is that neighbors are consulted about the project. It appears from the response that there is enough interest to rent the first set of plots.

CM Kulpa-Eddy also asked if there is enough parking in the vicinity. Mr. Lewis said that there is a fairly large parking area on a property across from the garden on 58th Avenue, plus some on-street parking. CM Almoguera said she knows from personal experience that it is important for the success of the garden to have on-site access to water and tools.

Mayor Calvo commended the committee members on their thoughtful and deliberate planning. He suggested the Council authorize \$9,000 from surplus for community garden expenses to get it up and running. It seems likely that not all of this money will be used if donations and grant moneys come in. CM Dennison moved, and CM Almoguera seconded, to authorize up to \$9,000 from surplus for the expenditures identified in the presentation. The motion passed 5 to 0.

At 8:15 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break

Sidewalks 60% design and storm water offset project: Mayor Calvo welcomed C.P. Johnson engineers Gary Dyson and Robyn Barnhart. Mr. Dyson said that he has made changes to the sidewalk engineering plans based on the Council's most recent comments.

- 8600 block of 57th Avenue: The sidewalks are bumped 5' into the roadway, except for the first 20 feet from the Berwyn Road intersection. This avoids a sewer manhole that would be difficult to adjust. The storm

water drains and swale for the rain garden in front of the Town office will be bridged with a walkable cover.

- 8600 block of Cunningham Drive: the driveway for the corner property at Pontiac Street and Cunningham Drive has been relocated to the west front yard, with access from Pontiac Street. At the same corner the sidewalk swings around a utility pole onto the property and leaves a small area behind the curb that could be paved or seeded with grass.
- Pop's Park frontage: The sidewalk at the northern end of Pop's Park swings to the east to avoid a storm water inlet at the north entrance. Mayor Calvo said that the Council had requested to straighten out the sidewalk, while keeping a green strip between curb and sidewalk. This change still needs to be made. It might be accomplished by angling the sidewalk slightly more to the east and/or placing a cover over the inlet. The sidewalk ramps onto Quebec Place should also be lined up.
- 8800 block of 60th Avenue: The sidewalk was bumped out 2 feet into the roadway up to the first driveway of the corner property to avoid two mature magnolia trees. This will require a no-parking zone along that stretch of road.
- 6200 block of Pontiac Street: The ramp at the school driveway entrance has been pulled back to facilitate left turns into the driveway. Part of the ramp will now be on school property for which permission from Prince George's County Schools (PGCPS) may be needed.

Robyn Barnhart explained the storm water mitigation project required by Prince George's County to offset the increased runoff resulting from the new sidewalks. The sidewalks will add .36 acres or approximately 20,000 square feet of paved sidewalk surface, which the engineers propose to offset with a mitigation project at the Public Works yard. Since completion of the field topographical survey, it was learned that the best filtration option may be a so-called

"jellyfish" system, which needs less of a height differential between intake and outlet than the Filterra and bio-retention pond discussed earlier. The system is flow-based and does not require the storage of water. The structure has a grated top that intercepts the runoff and sends it under a baffle that forces sediment to settle. On the other side of the baffle, the water rises through a set of filter cartridges that retains chemical pollutants, and exits through an outlet pipe.

Ms. Barnhart continued that the jellyfish filter would be installed in the swale next to the driveway and would capture the rainwater from the drain pipe that runs along the north side of the yard. To meet the County's offset requirement, additional areas are included by installing curbs along the yard driveway and by redirecting the downspouts from the roofs. The entire project is estimated to cost \$64,000, including a 25% contingency.

Mayor Calvo said that it was his understanding that the County would not insist on an exact offset because the runoff from the Public Works yard is more polluted than elsewhere in Town. If that is the case, then he would prefer not to have to spend additional money to get to a higher offset number. Ms. Barnhart said she does not know what Mr. Davila and the County agreed to but she can find out. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if the sidewalks on the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue are part of the offset requirement. MPT Wilkinson said, to the best of his knowledge, they were not. CM Kulpa-Eddy said, regardless, the Town may be wise not to insist on getting a break. Mayor Calvo said that he would like to at least ask if the mitigation project is acceptable without adding the roof and the driveway changes. This would save about \$5,000 or 8% of the project cost. Ms. Barnhart said she would check on that. Mayor Calvo added that he will again talk with Adam Ortiz, Director of the Department of Environmental Resources, about the project. He had previously indicated that the project is acceptable without the additions of driveway and roofs.

TA Murphy said the next steps are obtaining a sediment control permit from the County, which can take up to 2 months, and possibly a building permit. At the same time the engineers will finalize the sidewalks design and produce bid specs, which will be used to put the project out to bid.

TA Murphy noted that C.P. Johnson has produced the preliminary designs for the sidewalks on the 8900 block of 63rd Ave-

nue. He will meet with Berwyn Presbyterian Church representatives this week to discuss them.

Greenbelt Station revised conceptual site plan: TA Murphy explained that the Town received a letter from Norman Rivera, General Counsel for the Greenbelt Station south core developers, which requests the District Council to permit a change in the conceptual site plan. The change requested is to reduce the commercial retail/office space [and eliminate the live/work units in the condo buildings]. He would like to know if the Council wants Mr. Rivera to make a presentation on the revised plans.

Mayor Calvo said that the changes requested by the developers would replace the requirement to build 80,000 square feet of retail/office space before residential building permits can be issued with a requirement to set aside .5 acres for potential retail development, which can convert to public parkland if retail is not economically feasible. He commented that he does not like the change in plans. Every presentation about the south core development made to the Council showed retail along the connector road. He thinks this would be beneficial to Berwyn Heights and this area. He also thought that businesses would be viable if the north core is developed. However, he would not take a stand without knowing what Greenbelt's position is. TA Murphy was asked to find out.

CM Kulpa-Eddy pointed out that enclosed in the communication is a letter from Beltway Plaza representative Kap Kapastin supporting the change. She also noted that there is a proposed realignment of the stream valley trail. Mayor Calvo said it is probably a good idea to have Mr. Rivera come in to make a presentation on the changes. The Council agreed.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Public Safety** and **3. Public Works**.

4. Administration

Legislative dinner agenda: Mayor Calvo said that there is another worksession to talk about the agenda. But the format is fine.

Emergency generator update: TA Murphy said that he expects to receive the 95% design plan from Telegent Engineering tomorrow. If there are no changes, the plans will be finalized and bid specs can be drawn. However, he and engineer Timothy Smidt think the engineering and the site plans should be submitted to the County for review prior to putting the project out to bid to avoid

any surprises.

TA Murphy also provided answers to some of the questions the Council had about the project. He said that Mr. Smidt thinks a 30 kWh generator will be sufficient to operate the Town office, including furnace and air conditioning units. He recommends using two 60 kWh generators for the Town Center rather than one 120 kWh unit. That design interfaces better with the two existing electric panels, one each for upstairs and downstairs, and allows for separate operation of one floor or another. Further, installation of the generators behind the Town office keeps cost down because only one trench of a relatively short distance would need to be dug. The total cost of the project is \$113,000 with the exception of Pepco's charge for shutting the electric system down and turning it back on.

Mayor Calvo said that he would like to have a better idea of Pepco's cost, and how the remaining \$45,000 of the emergency generator budget will be used. MPT Wilkinson asked what the decibel level of the generators will be. TA Murphy said he thinks it is around 60 decibel per unit, which is why they are enclosed by sound baffles.

5. Code Compliance

Code director/supervisor position description: TA Murphy said that he does not have a revised description ready for discussion, which incorporates the samples Mayor Calvo provided. Mayor Calvo said that his foundation uses hiring blueprints that are mostly posted online and drive traffic to the website. He also clarified that he was not expecting TA Murphy to create the blueprint but have the search firm the Town plans to hire do this.

Nothing was discussed under **6. Parks and Recreation.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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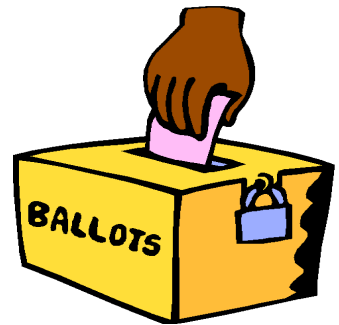
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Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

January 2014

Berwyn Heights, MD

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Jan 1 - School Closed - New Year's Day
Jan 2 - Market Day Order closing
Jan 8 - 5pm Market Day pickup
Jan 16 - End of Second Quarter
Jan 17 - No School - Grading/Planning Day
Jan 20 - School Closed - MLK Day
Jan 23 - PTA Safety Meeting

Special Events

Skate Night is coming soon. Please watch the newsletter for more information.

Safety Meeting – January 23rd – Please come out and meet with town and school officials to discuss safety issues regarding our children. More information will be coming home with your child.

Market Day

Starting in 2013 the PTA made Market Day – an online fundraising food purchasing program available to the residents of Berwyn Heights and beyond. Visit the Market Day Website at <http://www.marketday.com>.

The school's ID is 29888. A percentage of your purchase goes to the PTA to support the BHES the more orders we receive the higher the percentage we get. The pickup location is the breezeway of the elementary school.

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Nov 10th- Truck 14 & Chief 14B to the 5200 Blk of Palco Pl in College Park for the House Fire with people trapped inside.
Nov 17th- Squad 14 & Chief 14B to NB-I95 in the area of the ICC for a MVA with entrapment, Car struck tractor trailer.
Nov 22nd- Squad 14 to the IL-495 in the area of Kenilworth Ave for a MVA with entrapment.
Nov 23rd- Truck 14 responded to the 9900 Blk of Good Luck Road in Lanham for an Apartment Fire.
Nov 24th- Squad 14 & Chief 14A to the 7000 Blk Adelphi Rd for the MVA with one heavily trapped in the car.
Nov 30th- Truck 14 & Chief 14A to the 11300 Blk of Cherry Hill Rd in Beltsville for the 2nd Alarm Apartment Fire.
Nov 30th- Truck 14, Chief 14A & Chief 14B first onscene at the 6200 Blk Breezewood Dr in Greenbelt with an Apartment Fire.
Dec 7th- Squad 14 & Chief 14B responded to Metzert Rd for a MVA with entrapment and live wires down. C14B had command.
Dec 7th- Squad 14 & Chief 14B responded to the OL-495/Cherrywood Ln for MVA with entrapment. C14B had Command.
Dec 8th- Squad 14 responded to the OL 495/Greenbelt Metro for a MVA with a patient trapped between a car & the guardrail.
Dec 12th- Squad 14 responded to the 8800 blk Glenville Rd in Silver Spring for the Building Fire. Mutual Aid to Montg. County.
Dec 13th- Squad 14 & Chief 14B extricated a patient at the intersection of Kenilworth Ave/East West Hwy, car overturned with the driver trapped.
Dec 13th- Squad 14 & Chief 14 responded to the 5000 blk Oglethorpe St. in Riverdale for the House Fire.

Pictures and additional info about these incidents and others on our website: www.BHVFD14.org

Reminder: Have a fire hydrant on your property? Please make sure it is clear of snow and ice so that it is visible and easily accessible to firefighters in case of an emergency! **Thank You!**



COMING SOON:

BERWYN HEIGHTS PARAMEDIC AMBLUANCE 14!

In the coming months, BHVFD plans to place its first all Volunteer Paramedic Ambulance in service. This Paramedic Ambulance, staffed by a volunteer paramedic and a specially trained EMT-B, will allow for a greater coverage of Advanced Life Support (ALS) service to the citizens of Berwyn Heights and surrounding communities while allowing volunteer paramedics to practice their hard earned ALS skills. Currently we only operate a Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance, with the closest PGFD career-staffed ALS units coming from College Park or Glenn Dale. Paramedic Ambulance 14 (PA14) will be in-service as equipment and volunteer medic members are available, with the unit operating as a BLS Ambulance the remainder of the time. BHVFD will become the third Volunteer Fire Department to offer this service in Prince Georges County.



2014 COMPANY ELECTION RESULTS:

During our December 3rd meeting, members of the Berwyn Heights VFD held our annual company elections for both Emergency Operation and Administrative positions. The results are:

Operational	Administrative
Fire Chief: Danny McCoy	President: James Hurley
Deputy Fire Chief: Chase Fabrizio	Vice President: Christopher Wipprecht
Assistant Fire Chief: Jimmy Kiernan	Treasurer: Eric Norris
1st Captain: James Hurley	Secretary: Cindy Frend
2nd Captain: Ryan Wagner	
3rd Captain: Rich Kitchen	Board of Directors:
4th Captain: Benjamin Ross	Chuck Fusco Danny McCoy
1st Lieutenant: Micheal Stevenson	Pete Issacson Ryan Wagner
2nd Lieutenant: Scott Pierce	Art Gordon Rich Kitchen

We are always looking for new volunteer members as Firefighters, EMS personnel and Administrative members! Check out our webpage, give us a call or stop by for a visit!

Space Heaters Need Space!!- Heater Safety

Space heaters are the #3 cause of winter-related fires, can be dangerous if improperly used!
Follow these simple tips to make your home safer:

- Check to make sure it has a thermostat control mechanism that will switch off automatically if it tips over.
- Heaters are not dryers or tables; don't dry clothes or store objects on top of your heater.
- Space heaters need space; keep combustibles at least three feet away from each heater.
- Always unplug your electric space heater when not in use.
- Turn off at night or whenever you sleep.

Station 14 Call Volume: Nov 2013

Rescue Squads:	165
Ladder Truck:	58
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	6
Ambulances:	186
Total Station Runs for Nov:	415

Website: BHVFD14.org - "Like" us on Facebook - Follow us on Twitter @BHVFD14

BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

“Celebrating 30 Years in Berwyn Heights”

The Senior Center is open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Drop in and meet your neighbors. Also check the boards for special activities. Drop in to the Center, or attend the meeting, and find out what's going on. There is always something to do even if it is just getting together.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

January 2	Juaming Li
	Mary Ann Eley
January 15	Heidi Walter
January 19	Othell Heath
	Anne Hixon
January 22	Agnes (Betty) Brown
January 23	Grace Henner
January 28	Barbara Case
January 30	Victor Gasch

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

January 2	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
January 7	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
January 8	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 9	Board Games	5:00 P.M.
	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
January 11	Potluck Dinner & Movie	5:00 P.M.
January 14	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
January 15	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 16	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
January 21	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
January 22	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 23	Board Games	5:00 P.M.
	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
January 28	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
January 29	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 30	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.



COME AND JOIN US

2nd & 4th THURSDAYS

BOARD GAMES—5:00 P.M.

POOL NIGHT

EVERY THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of November 2013. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents

are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

11/02/2013 at 10:59 am, Pvt. Duck responded to the 890 block of 57th. Avenue for a report of vandalism to a 1996 Honda. Unknown person damaged the rear window and door of the car.

11/03/2013 at 6:51 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5800 block of Seminole Street for a report of theft from a 2001 GMC Yukon truck. Unknown person stole a navigation radio, iPod and a jacket.

11/03/2013 at 10:57 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Place for a report of theft from a 2004 Nissan truck. Unknown person stole a laptop and a printer.

11/04/2013 at 9:55 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded an unknown year Olds from the location of Edmonston Road at Tecumseh Place. The driver of the vehicle was driving without insurance.

11/06/2013 at 11:25 am, Det. Unger investigated a fraud complaint. A 36 y/o, a/m reported that he received a call from Pepco stating that his power will be shut off unless he pays them \$998.67 by using a Greendot cards. Although the incident occurred in College Park, MD, Det. Unger will investigate the case with the USSS Task Force.

11/06/2013 at 11:48 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road Suite # U -1 for a report of vandalism. Investigation revealed that a 31 y/o, w/f, a patient of LabCorp was upset and punched the window with her fist. Warrant for her arrest is pending further investigation.

11/06/2013 at 5:17 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 6300 block of Tecumseh Place for a report of an identity theft. Unknown person attempted to use the victim's credit card number in Brooklyn NY.

11/09/2013 at 3:42 am, Pvt. Duck responded to the 8900 block of 60th. Avenue for a report of a burglary. Unknown person kicked in the rear door and once inside, items of value were taken.

11/09/2013 at 9:20 am, Pfc. Krouse recovered some items belonging to the victim of a burglary from the 8900 block of 60th. Avenue. Items were found behind the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road.

11/10/2013 at 9:50 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5700 block of Osage Street for a report of vandalism to a 2012 Toyota truck.

11/10/2013 at 2:03 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5600 block of Osage for a report of theft from a 2013 Toyota truck. Unknown person took GPS systems, a small camera, backpack, and a flashlight.

11/10/2013 at 9:20 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue for a report of vandalism to a house. Unknown person threw a brick through a window. The resident stated that the landlord recently had window contractors in the house doing repairs and they had a dispute over payment.

11/11/2013 at 2:04 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of damage property. Victim stated that he hit a curb while trying to avoid another vehicle.

11/11/2013 at 9:17 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8500 block of 60th. Avenue for a report of a burglary. Victim stated that he observed a broken window to the rear of his house and an opened door. As he entered the house, he saw a dark olive skin white male wearing a dark colored jacket standing inside his house. The suspect told the victim to back away or he would shoot him while displaying a kitchen knife before fleeing on 60th. Avenue with a laptop and a camera.

11/12/2013 at 2:15 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Swarthmore Drive for a report of theft. Victim stated that he had four moving men working in his home employed by Flow Services LLC. The four men were scheduled to work three days and the first day several items from the home went missing along with one of the four men.

11/14/2013 at 3:25 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 6327 Greenbelt Road for a report of vandalism to a glass door. It is unknown how the glass was broken from the door.

11/14/2013 at 9:53 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Ruatan

Street for a report of a theft from a 2005 Honda. Unknown person removed a stereo from the vehicle.

11/18/2013 at 12:20 am, Pfc. Roberson observed a suspicious Latino male loitering in the area of Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road. When asked what he was doing, he was unable to explain. The Latino male was checked for warrant and sent on way.

11/18/2013 at 8:00 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Goucher Drive for a report of an identity theft. Victim advised that her identity was used to lease an apartment in Hyattsville, MD.

11/19/2013 at 3:21 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5800 block of Berwyn Road for a report of a theft of a Maryland validation sticker from a vehicle.

11/22/2013 at 4:40 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8800 block of 60th. Avenue for a report of vandalism to a vehicle. Unknown person cut the vinyl top to a 2005 Jeep.

11/22/2013 at 9:55 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8900 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of a burglary. Suspect(s) entered through the rear door and once inside removed two women purses.

11/25/2013 at 10:00 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 6200 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a burglary. Suspect (s) entered through the rear door and once inside valuables were taken.

11/27/2013 at 10:40 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace for a report of a 25 y/o, b/m, which had gotten locked out of his house.

11/27/2013 at 4:15 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 6300 block of Greenbelt where he met a 63 y/o, w/m, who stated that he sounded his horn at a male who was walking in front of his vehicle. The male got angry and punched out the window of the victim's car before fleeing.

11/29/2013 at 8:05 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a disorderly subject. On scene Pfc. Krouse made contact with a Latino male who was intoxicated and refused to comply with a lawful order. The subject was yelling profanity and causing a disturbance within the community and subsequently arrested. Mr. Jonathan Menendez-Perla a 26 y/o, L/m was charged with disorderly conduct and transported to Hyattsville DOC.



Berwyn Heights GreenTeam



The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like to share your ideas, please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com, or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. Our next meeting will be January 16 at 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

Berwyn Heights Community Garden Opening Spring 2014!

- The garden will be located between 58th and 59th on the Tecumseh thru-way
- It will be a place to grow food, flowers, and herbs with friends and neighbors
- Residents can rent an 4' x 8' raised bed for a small annual fee
- It will include a demonstration garden to educate residents about gardening
- Water, tools, training, and other shared resources will be provided
- The garden will be fenced to protect against deer and other critters

Accomplishments and Upcoming Activities	
Established community garden planning committee	August 2013
Conducted site visits of nearby community gardens	August/September 2013
Identified site; met with experts to review site	October/November 2013
Developed site plan	October/November 2013
Briefed Town Council, received approval and support	November 2013
Preliminary site preparations	November/December 2013
Establish application, guidelines	January/February 2014
Conduct outreach/training, rent plots	January-April 2014
Prepare site	February-April 2014
Open garden	Spring 2014

If you are interested to learn more about the garden, to rent a plot, or to volunteer, please contact Trinity Tomsic at trinity.tomsic@gmail.com or 301-474-6350

Vermicomposting Class (Composting with Worms!)

Sunday, Jan. 26th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Berwyn Heights Town Center, 2nd Floor

Learn about a unique way to compost by using *worms*! Come to a free presentation about the process from 2 to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Then, if you'd like, you can stay and make your own bin for \$30. Worms are included!

However, the bin making is limited to 15 people, and advance registration for the bin making is required. Fill out the registration form below and send it along with \$30 to Attn: Vermicomposting Class, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD, 20740 by January 17 to reserve your spot.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to Susan Levi-Goerlich, and if you have any additional questions about the event, call Kristin Larson from the Green Team at [202-630-3178](tel:202-630-3178).



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

Come join us for a play date and get to know other parents in the community while our children play!

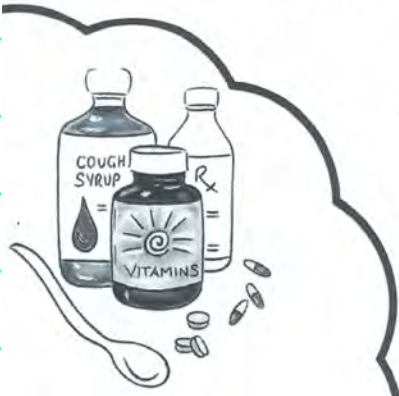
Preschoolers Playgroup Play Dates	Infants Playgroup
MON, 10:30am, indoors Town Center 2nd Floor	meets periodically
WED, 10:30am - Noon, indoors (outdoors weather permitting)	Contact Rose Almoguera
THU, 10:30am - Noon, indoors (outdoors weather permitting)	

Playground Rotation
1 st , 3 rd and 5 th THU of month at Indian Creek Playground
2 nd and 4 th THU of month at Pop's Park

Playgroup is always open to any interested parents and caregivers in the community! It offers families a safe and fun opportunity to socialize and get to know each other, while exploring available resources for children in the metro area.

Please contact **Rose Almoguera** (rose.almoguera@yahoo.com) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.

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BERWYN HEIGHTS, MD. 20741

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Code News

Lead Paint Safety

If you own an older home in Berwyn Heights, and plan to remodel or repair it, you might very well come across lead paint. The EPA estimates that 87% of homes built before 1940, and 24% of homes built between 1960 and 1978, have some lead-based paint.

Exposure to lead is especially dangerous for young children as their neurological systems are developing. Lead paint is hazardous mostly when it is deteriorating and starting to chip, flake or chalk, or when maintenance or remodeling work creates lead dust or debris. The best prevention of lead poisoning is to eliminate exposure. This can be done by leaving lead paint that is in good condition undisturbed, by separating remodeling areas from living areas, and by keeping areas where children play as dust-free and clean as possible.



While there are no requirements specifically for homeowners, Ordinance 120 covering "Rental Housing" requires that paint applied to the interior surfaces shall be lead free. For more information, contact the Maryland Department of the Environment's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, at www.mde.state.md.us/lead (telephone 410-537-3825 or 1-800-633-6101 only in Maryland).

Code Activity for November 2013:

Top code violations: High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 2; Trash/ Litter = 5; Yard Waste = 2; Tree Limbs & Brush = 4; Vehicle Violations = 3; Building Permit Violations = 1; Abatements = 0; Miscellaneous Violations = 2.

Other activities: New Rental Properties = 1; Rental Inspections & Re-inspections = 22; Rental Investigations = 3; Building Permits = 8; POD Permits = 1; Roll-off Permits = 3.



Free Karate Training!!!!

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of Shihan John Roseberry's Sho-Rei-Shobu-Kan Budo Organization. Open to
all ages/all levels.**

**Berwyn Heights Town Center-5700 Berwyn Rd-2nd Fl.
Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm**

**For more information, contact Theresa Beck at 301-237-2829
(beck_theresa@yahoo.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881**

BULLETIN BOARD

Rooms for Rent: \$450.00 - \$500.00. Please call (301) 237-2829.

House Cleaning: Berwyn Heights resident since 2000 - with 25 years professional house cleaning experience and takes pride in the work done looking for new clients. References in Town and out of town are available. Please give me a call and let me help tackle the house cleaning for you. Free estimates. Please call (301) 474-3024.

Want adventure and achievement? Join Boy Scout Troop 740. We meet at Holy Redeemer's Fealy Hall every Tuesday evening. For details, call scoutmaster Loren Lavoy at 301-651-4928.

Need Computer help? Call RJ 240-602-0815. Microsoft A+ Certified.

Licensed Family Daycare: Opening for infant to 12 years old. Before and after care for BH Elementary School available. Vouchers are accepted. Meals are provided. Openings are Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939.

2 Men's Full Size Leather Golf Bags: \$50 each. Canning jars pint & quart size: \$5 mix & match a dozen. Call Jeff after 4 PM at 301-474-5803. Cash only.

Discounted tickets to Capitals' games: Dream seats are in Sec.107, Row U. Caps shoot twice. This is the handicapped row next to the Monumental box. Easy access with no seats in front or behind you. All tickets are discounted — with no add ons. Contact Jody at jwg21248@yahoo.com.

College dorm room items for sale: 3 like-new appliances. Black 4-cup Mr. Coffee Model DRX5 with brew and set delay; small Emerson 2009 Microwave oven Model MW7305B; small Sanyo 2009 refrigerator Model SR-A2480M [301-646-6938](tel:301-646-6938).

BH Republican Club meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. For more information, check out the Berwyn Heights Republicans Webpage: www.npgcrc.com/pages/BHR.html

STRESSED!!! Are you a Senior, a relative or friend of a Senior? Are you, or they, worried about staying home long-term? If you'd like some direction or assistance, without alienating your loved one, I CAN HELP YOU. Sealani Weiner, Geriatric Care Manager. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in MD & DC, Certified Care Manager AND Ber-

wyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

House Cleaning: Help with shopping, cooking, etc. 40-year resident of Berwyn Heights. Very reliable and reasonable rates. Please call DJ at (301) 345-1746

Computer Repair: Having computer problems? Want files moved from an old computer to a new one? Flat rates cheaper than any store around. Call Jason 301-919-9980.

Pet Services: Experienced dog walker and pet sitter available. Will happily help you with your pets. Call Katelyn, 301-233-2588.

Lawn mowing and trimming, yard raking and cleanup, basement cleanout, painting, plumbing, general handyman. Reasonable rates and flexible schedule. Call Phil at 202-718-8530. Berwyn Heights references available.

Dog Walking: 30 minutes, \$15.00 per walk. Special offers for multiple pets. Local trustworthy neighbor. Pet first aid and CPR certified. Call 240-605-2745.

Meals-on-Wheels needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

Need Yard Help? Shawn (17) and Jeremy (16) can help with mowing, raking, mulching, and more. Call 301-474-2002.

Attention Seniors: Kind, compassionate Berwyn Heights resident available to go grocery shopping, run errands, etc. Please call Mary Ann at (301) 982-9295.

Childcare: Miss Debbie, the Mary Poppins childcare provider of 29 years in B.H. is ISO another family. Will play, read, color, do puzzles but no heavy housework as your child is more important. Will also watch children on weekends and evenings. Call (301)345-7622.

Berwyn Heights Cleaning: Cleaning your home like my own. Residential & commercial. References available in Berwyn Heights. Over 10 years professional experience. Providing my own materials and rational price. 240-645-5140 or angelalazo1@hotmail.com

4 Bedroom 2 Bath for rent. Contact Jim Faruki at 703-402-8080 or jmfaruki@yahoo.com.

Tutor: Learning Specialist with vast experience helping children with learning challenges. For a free consultation call or email Kathy Brosh, 301-474-2002, kathybrosh@gmail.com. References available.

Do you need an affordable daycare? Hi, my name is Carol and I would like to help you. I'm CPR certified and I have three children on my own. Give me a call if I'm the one you need. (301) 474-0963.

Jimmy Taylor will cut grass. To schedule, please call 301-982-1137.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

Historical Committee

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

Playgroup

Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

BH Elementary School PTA

Kristen Buker

President@BHESPTA.org

Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Happy New Year! Don't forget our next annual event on Presidents' Day weekend. We will have new War of 1812 exhibits and giveaways, plus a presentation of the extensive calendar of events planned to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the war in Prince George's County.

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in helping out with events and projects that highlight our Town's unique history.

The BHHC meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. **The BHHC will hold its next meeting on January 28th at the Town Office.**



SAVE THE DATE !!!

Sunday, February 16

2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEKEND

WINE & CHEESE

RECEPTION

AT TOWN HALL
(upstairs)

HISTORICAL PRESENTATIONS

MUSIC & REFRESHMENTS!

See the February issue of the *Town Bulletin* for more event details.

You can also get updates on our blog:

berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com



LOCAL CULTURAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, January 4

Dinosaur Park Open House

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

13200 Mid-Atlantic Boulevard
Laurel MD 20708

Dinosaur Park is a 41-acre park in Laurel, Maryland, featuring a rare deposit of fossils from the Cretaceous Period (144 to 65 million years ago). On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, you can join paleontologists and volunteers on-site to interpret fossil deposits. Information for tours 301-627-7755.

Sunday, January 5

ARTFUL AFTERNOON Winter In Poetry & Painting

1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road Greenbelt
MD 20770

Most activities free! Unwind after the holidays with a casual afternoon of creative fun. Enjoy a workshop with Artist in Residence Kathy Karlson, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Attend a studio open house with the Artists in Residence, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Visit the Art Gallery and the Greenbelt Museum's 75th Anniversary exhibit. Tour the Museum's historic house (\$3 or free with membership), 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. For more information: kwargo@greenbeltmd.gov.

NOW through February 7

Watercolor Paintings by Valerie Watson

Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt,
MD 20770

Bold, bright works by a local

master - watercolor like you may never have seen it before! Watson will be teaching a class at the Greenbelt Community Center starting January 9. Open during all facility hours, whenever the space is not reserved for special use. Appropriate for all ages. Closing Reception: Sunday, February 2, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. For more information, call: (301) 397-2208

Sunday, January 5

Greenbelt Museum Tours

1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Museum, 10 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD 20770

The Greenbelt Museum's historic house is open for tours every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The house is filled with furniture and art from the period of 1936-52, representing the meager lifestyles of Depression-era residences of Greenbelt. General admission is \$3, \$2 for senior citizens and \$1 for children under the age of 12. For more information, call: 240-542-2064, or visit: www.greenbeltmuseum.org.

Saturday, January 11

Twelfth Night Ball

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Riversdale House Museum
4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

Celebrate the traditional end of the holiday season at our Regency-style ball and supper. Black tie or period attire encouraged. Advance payment required by January 4; capacity is limited. Fee: Resident* \$40, Non-Resident \$48. For more information, call: 301-864-0420.



BHHC BLOG: <http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>

ATHA: (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area / Maryland Milestones) www.anacostiatrills.org





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Neighborhood Watch/ Community Emergency Response Team



Did you know that members of the Berwyn Heights Public Works Department recently contributed to the arrest and indictment of two males on charges of breaking and entering and theft? They **saw something** that did not appear to be the normal, and **said something** to the Police that came to investigate and arrest the perpetrators.

Across the nation, home burglaries are a crime of concern in cities, suburbs, towns, and rural areas alike. Increasingly, citizens and law enforcement professionals realize that neither one can eradicate crime by working separately. But wherever concerned citizens are working cooperatively with law enforcement, they can have a big effect in reducing crime. Home burglaries, in particular, can be minimized when residents make their homes less attractive and vulnerable to burglars.

Burglary is the unlawful entry into a building with intent to commit a felony or theft. While generally considered a crime against property, it has a high potential for death or injury to the victim that comes into surprise contact with the intruder. **Neighborhood Watch**, a community-based watch dog program that is supported by the Berwyn Heights Police Department, wants all resident to know that they can play an important role by reporting unusual things or suspicious persons.

Berwyn Heights is **your** Town and if something does not look right, call the Police and let them check it out. Your safety and peace of mind is well worth the call. Ask anyone whose home has been burglarized... the shock and helpless anger accompanying the discovery that an intruder has entered one's home will not easily be forgotten. The damage may be minimal or major, the losses slight or catastrophic. The incident may or may not have involved injury to a family member – yet one fact remains: another statistic has been added to the ever-growing list of burglarized homes. The burglar won again – and has no doubt vanished, leaving no real clue to lead to his arrest.



**See something.
Say something.**

How To Make Life Tough for a Burglar

- Arrange for a home security inspection by the Berwyn Heights Police Department to identify security vulnerabilities;
- Upgrade locks, security hardware, and lighting; and install alarms when security inspections show a particular hazard;
- Train family members to keep valuables secure and to lock doors and windows when leaving home. It is a good practice to keep doors locked regardless if anyone is at home or not;
- Ask neighbors to watch for suspicious activity when you are not at home;
- Mark valuable property with an identifying number to discourage theft and help law enforcement agencies track and return lost or stolen property;
- Add outside lighting and cut back any bushes in which a burglar could hide;
- Inform the Police of any person or persons who need assistance (children, the elderly, and other vulnerable people) if they appear to be distressed, in danger, or lost;
- Develop or join a neighborhood "fan" or telephone tree used for quickly alerting each other about criminal activity in the area;
- Establish signals among neighbors to use when someone needs help;
- Join the Berwyn Heights Neighborhood Watch Group by calling Co-Chairs Ron Shane or Joan Hayden or attend a meeting held on the First Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Town Center.

Contact Ron Shane at 240-965-7022 or Joan Hayden at 301-474-5037 for more information.

Don't Forget!

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DISCONTINUES PLASTIC YARD WASTE BAGS

Starting January 1, 2014, all yard waste must be set out for collection in brown paper yard waste bags, available at local grocery and hardware stores, or in trash containers clearly identified as yard waste containers.



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Happy New Year! Welcome to 2014....Big "resolutions" for this year? Changing to a few attainable "goals" may be better suited! Choose quality over quantity, its more achievable.

3 ways to start.... goals vs resolutions for 2014

1. **Reflect** on what you have accomplished: What went well in 2013, where you can improve and flourish.

2. **Select** 1-3 meaningful goals that will make an impact: make them small and specific, outline a plan; also plan for small setbacks.

3. **Remove** the *inessentials* with a "stop doing" list. Online too much, saying yes all the time, 1 more to do item at the end of the day? Identify those inessential elements and commit to not doing them as much.

- FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
- NATIONWIDE WEBSITE/ADVERTISING
- HELP WITH STAGING
- YEARS OF TOWN REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE

LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

UNDER CONTRACT- 6100 Westchester Park Dr 2BR, 2BA.

NEW LISTING- 6100 Westchester Park Dr studio w/new carpet, paint, fridge and DW.....\$79,900.

AVAILABLE-55 L Ridge Rd Grblt 2BR, 1BA, HDWD flrs, updated kit.....\$99,900.

FOR RENT- 4BR, 2.5 BA split lvl in BH.....\$2100 mo.



The Bugle – January 2014
The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club operates solely with the help of volunteers. We are in need of a few items to help our club for the coming year.



Equipment: A riding lawn mower is needed to keep the field maintained at Sports Park. The lawn mower will help to prevent injuries of the players and also allow us to prepare the field for baseball games not only for our teams but allow us to better host games for the county. If you would like to donate a (new or used) lawn mower or would like to donate towards the purchase of one please contact us. We would greatly appreciate it!

Donations: The BHBGC is asking for donations for the following: Fencing around the batting cage, uniforms, balls for (soccer, baseball, and softball), soccer goals, and indoor soccer time.

Volunteers: We are currently asking for volunteers for: BHBGC Board, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Tutors, Maintenance, and Recruiters. We can't make it without you! Even if you only have a couple hours a week, it will make such a difference. We welcome all volunteers!!!

Please check out our website: bhbgc.leag1.com. For information please contact Shinita Hemby at (202) 531-6066 or by email at hembygirl@yahoo.com.



Motivation is what gets you started; Determination is what keeps you going!

Department of Public Works



Leaf Collection concluded on Monday, December 30, 2013 and all remaining leaves must be bagged in brown paper yard waste bags or placed in a trash can clearly identifiable as yard waste, and placed at the curb on your scheduled yard waste collection day. While you may still see the leaf vacuum around Town until Friday, January 3, 2014, please note that it is only out to clear leaves from storm drain inlets and other Town maintained property. If you have a pile of leaves that remains uncollected after termination date you may contact the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-6897 to see what pickup arrangements can be made.

Please remember to do your part to keep your sidewalk clear of snow and ice so our children can walk to/from school safely. Help do your part to keep Berwyn Heights a year-round walkable community by removing and keeping clear, snow and ice from all sidewalks, paths, and/or drives on all areas abutting your property within 24 hours after a snowfall. If you are able to, do a good deed and help a neighbor in need shovel his or her sidewalk as well.



SATURDAY
JANUARY 25, 2014
9:00AM – 12:00PM

GREENBELT DPW
555 CRESCENT ROAD
GREENBELT, MD 20770

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

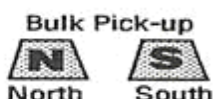
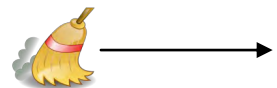
Additional Information: http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works/Electronics_Recycling

IMPORTANT STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR TOWN CALENDAR

Illustrated below are the symbols we use to identify the refuse pickup types scheduled for each day, Monday through Friday, and for the street sweeping machine that usually visits Berwyn Heights once a month. Note that the street sweeper will not be in Berwyn Heights in January.




























Street Sweeping Week





January 2014

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 29	 30  LAST DAY FOR CURB- SIDE PICK UP OF LEAVES	 31  NEW YEAR'S EVE TOWN OFFICES OPEN 1/2 DAY	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICKUP	 2   Recreation Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office NW-EP Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 3  	4
5	 6 	 7 	8 Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 9 	 10 	11
12	 13  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 14 	 15	 16  GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:00 P.M. Town Office	 17 	18
19	20 M.L.KING DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICK UP	 21 	 22  	 23 	 24 	 25 Electronics Recycling 9:00—12:00 Greenbelt DPW 555 Crescent Road
26 Vermi- Composting Class 2:00 P.M. Town Center	 27  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 28  BHHC Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 29	 30 	 31 	

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TOWN INFORMATION

Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue 9-1-1
 Police (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200
 Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
 Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
 Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
 Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Fire Department (301) 474-7866
 Senior Center (301) 474-0018
 Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
 Town Office (301) 474-5000
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Call-A-Bus Reservations (301) 474-5000
 Maryland Relay Service (TTY)..... 1(800) 735-2258

Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo (301) 474-6350 ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Mayor — Public Safety and Health
 James Wilkinson (301) 982-5152 jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Mayor Pro Tem — Department of Public Works (please call before 8:30 p.m.)
 Rose Almoguera (301) 974-1777 ralmoguera@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Administration
 Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs
 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
 South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Fridays
Heavy Trash Day:
 Weekly on Thursday for North of Pontiac
 Weekly on Friday for South of Pontiac
Recycling Schedule:
 Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
 Email Town at
contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
 at 11:30 a.m.
 or call the Town Office
 to request a pay time.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwyn-heights.com>
Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.
Or email: emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Submission deadline is the 15th of the month by 12:00 noon!
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